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TAGS: PDIP, UR

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF TRAIN COMPARTMENT OF SOVIET BORDER GUARDS.

1. ANTIPOV, COUNSELOR USA DIVISION MFA SUMMONED ADMIN COUNSELOR ON MAY 12 TO DRAW ATTENTION TO ALLEGEDLY INCORRECT BEHAVIOR OF CERTAIN EMBASSY OFFICERS IN TRYING TO PREVENT EXAMINATION OF COMPARTMENTS BY COMPETENT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WHILE OFFICERS CROSSING SOVIET BORDER BY RAIL ON MARCH 23, APRIL 12, AND APRIL 19, RESPECTIVELY.

2. ANTIPOV SAID REFUSAL TO PERMIT INSPECTION SURPRISING BECAUSE RAIL CARS ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM EXAMINATION SINCE THEY DID NOT INVOLVE IMMUNITY OF BUILDINGS, VEHICLES OR PERSONAL LUGGAGE OF DIPLOMATS MENTIONED IN VIENNA CONVENTION OF 1961 ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ADMIN COUSELOR SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT UNVERIFIED STATEMENT THAT EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS HAD BEHAVED INCORRECTLY BUT ANTIPOV QUICKLY MOVED ON TO ANOTHER SUBJECT AND INDICATED MATTER WAS CLOSED.

3. COMMENT: FOLLOWING REPORT OF FOREGOING INCIDENTS BY EMBASSY OFFICERS, EMBASSY ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT SOVIET BORDER AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS MIGHT INSPECT RAILWAY COMPARTMENT TO MAKE LIMITED INSPECTION SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT NO UNAUTHORIZED  
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PERSONS ARE ENTERING OR LEAVING COUNTRY. SIMILARLY, IN CASES

OF CAR TRAVEL, WE ASSUME SOVIETS HAVE RIGHT TO REQUEST THAT  
TRUNK BE OPENED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT  
THIS IS CORRECT PROCEDURE.  
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